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FCC ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR JANUARY OPEN MEETING

WASHINGTON, January 4, 2024—Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced that the items below are tentatively on the agenda for the January Open Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Improving Network Reliability, Resiliency, and Transparency During Disasters – The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to ensure participation in, and enhance the use of, its Disaster Information Reporting System, where service providers report on their operational status during emergencies. (PS Docket Nos. 21-346, 15-80; ET Docket No. 04-35)

Improving Wireless 911 Call Routing – The Commission will consider a Report and Order requiring wireless providers to implement location-based routing for wireless calls and real-time texts (RTT) to 911 in order to reduce misrouting and improve emergency response times. (PS Docket No. 18-64)

Mitigating Orbital Debris to Support Space Innovation – The Commission will consider an Order on Reconsideration addressing the issues raised in three petitions for reconsideration filed in response to the Orbital Debris Mitigation Report and Order released in 2020 which comprehensively updated the Commission’s existing rules regarding orbital debris mitigation. (IB Docket No. 18-313)

Modernizing and Expanding Access to the 70/80/90 GHz Bands – The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would adopt new rules and update preexisting rules for the 70/80/90 GHz bands. The item would authorize certain point-to-point links to endpoints in motion in the 70 GHz and 80 GHz bands for aeronautical and maritime use; provide for smaller, lower-cost antennas to facilitate backhaul service in those bands; and adopt changes to the link registration process. The item would also seek comment on the potential inclusion of Fixed Satellite Service earth stations in the light-licensing regime for the 70 GHz and 80 GHz bands. (WT Docket No. 20-133)

Restricted Adjudicatory Matter – The Commission will consider a restricted adjudicatory matter from the Media Bureau.

Enforcement Bureau Action – The Commission will consider an enforcement action.

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Public Drafts of Meeting Items – The FCC publicly releases the draft text of each item expected to be considered at the next Open Commission Meeting. Drafts of items under consideration that involve specific, enforcement-related matters, which can include restricted proceedings and hearing designation orders, will not be publicly released. One-page cover sheets are included in the public drafts to help summarize each item. All these materials will be available on the FCC’s Open Meeting page: www.fcc.gov/openmeeting.

Public Attendance – The Open Meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. ET in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. While the Open Meeting is open to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access, and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: <https://www.fcc.gov/visit>. Open Meetings are streamed live at www.fcc.gov/live.

Press Access – Members of the news media are welcome to attend the meeting and will be provided reserved seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the meeting, the Chairwoman may hold a news conference in which she will take questions from credentialed members of the press in attendance. Afterwards, senior policy and legal staff will be made available to the press in attendance for questions related to the items on the meeting agenda. Commissioners may also choose to hold press conferences. Press may also direct questions to the Office of Media Relations (OMR): MediaRelations@fcc.gov. Questions about credentialing should be directed to OMR.

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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).*